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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above identified patent application, please make the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 - 15, as follows.

Claim 1. (amended) In an [An] article of furniture having a top surface and an opening defined in said top surface; the improvement comprising a receptacle unit adapted to be mounted in said opening in said top surface of said article of furniture; said receptacle unit comprising a top and at least one sidewall extending downwardly from said top, said at least one sidewall having at least one receptacle defined therein; and means for